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Dear Jack:

Thank you very much for the extracts. Just this week we are tied up with something else but we will get to them at the first opportunity.

I am sorry that our jargon about the cultures crept through to the shipping ticket. The "TLB" auxotroph should have read TLB₁ or TLTh (for thiamin) and it refers to a DAP⁻ mutant obtained from a TLB₁ stock. The "DAP-prototroph" is a recombinant obtained by crossing the just named mutant to another stock. It is prototrophic except for its DAP requirement. It was inexcusable to expect anyone to decipher that kind of a code.

I have had one look at novobiocin and it does not seem to provoke the formation of protoplasts in E. coli. We will let you know promptly if anything useful turns up.

Yours sincerely,

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